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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Previously Presented) A sachet comprising:
a tray portion to which is non-releasably sealably affixed a composite releasably sealable structure; said composite releasably sealable structure comprising:
at least a first layer overlaying a second layer; said first layer comprising a semi-rigid member and said second layer comprising a film layer; said composite releasably sealable structure including an aperture region therein; said aperture region comprising a first sub-aperture region in said first layer in communication with a second sub-aperture region located in said second layer; said second sub-aperture region comprising a rupturable portion of the second layer such that, upon a first rupture of the aperture region, the second sub-aperture ruptures to form a releasably sealable channel and wherein said first layer is sealed to said second layer around said aperture region to form an annular seal surrounding said aperture region; said annular seal remaining intact after the first rupture of said aperture region.
2. (Previously Presented) The sachet of Claim 1, further comprising a second upper film layer arranged on said first layer.
3. (Previously Presented) The sachet of Claim 1 wherein said first sub-aperture region comprises a score line in said first layer.
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6. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a sachet, said sachet comprising a first film layer to which is non-releasably sealably affixed a composite releasably sealable structure; said composite releasably sealable structure comprising a semi-rigid member and a second film layer; said composite releasably sealable structure including an aperture region therein; said aperture region comprising a first sub-aperture region in said semi-rigid member in communication with a second sub-aperture region located in said second film layer; said second sub-aperture region comprising a rupturable region of the second film layer and wherein the semi-rigid member is arranged such that the semi-rigid member is arranged externally to the second film layer; said method comprising the steps of:

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- a. forming an annular seal between the semi-rigid member and the second film layer about the rupturable region;
- b. forming an array of indentations in the first film layer, each indentation defining a tray portion;
- c. injecting a flowable substance into said indentations;
- d. placing said composite releasably sealable structure over said array of indentations;
- e. non-releasably sealing peripheral portions of said indentations to said composite releasably sealable structure thereby to form an array of sachets.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6 wherein said steps are performed in a batch mode.

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11. Cancelled

12. (Previously Presented) The sachet of Claim 1, wherein the second sub-aperture region defines a generally annular rupturable region of said film component.

13. (Previously Presented) The sachet of Claim 12, wherein the second sub-aperture is generally circularly annular and is generally centrally arranged in the second layer.

14. Cancelled

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, further comprising forming the second sub-apertures as annular rupturable regions in the second film layer generally centrally arranged with respect to the tray portions.